

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A data editing apparatus comprising:
a storage section, including: (i) a first ~~folder storage~~
area to store audio data and image data ~~, which that~~ is linked
with the audio data at to a predetermined playback position
thereof, of the audio data, and (ii) a second ~~folder storage~~
area to store only image data ~~without storing any~~ and no audio
data;

link release means for ~~releasing~~ canceled a link between
arbitrary audio data and image data linked therewith which are
stored in the first ~~folder storage area~~; and

moving means for moving the image data, ~~of which link~~
~~information is canceled,~~ from which the link is canceled, from
the first ~~folder storage area~~ to the second ~~folder storage area~~
when the link is ~~released through~~ canceled by the link release
means.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1,
further comprising:

inhibiting means for inhibiting the movement of the image
data, ~~of which link information is canceled,~~ from the first
~~folder to the second folder when~~ from which the link is canceled,
if the same image data as the image data to be moved is included
already stored in the second ~~folder storage area~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when canceling the link information, the link release means rewrites header information of the audio data and ~~also~~ rewrites header information of the image data to ~~release~~ cancel the link between the audio data and the image data.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having a data editing program ~~capable of permitting stored~~ thereon which is executable by a computer to cause the computer to edit audio data and image data linked ~~with the audio data at~~ to a predetermined playback position thereof of the audio data, wherein the audio data and the image data ~~being linked thereto~~ are stored in a first ~~folder~~ storage area, the program being executable by the computer to cause the computer to execute functions comprising:

10 ~~a function of releasing~~ canceled a link between arbitrary audio data and ~~the~~ corresponding image data stored in the first folder storage area; and

15 ~~a function of moving the image data, of which link~~ information from which the link is canceled, from the first folder storage area to the a second folder storage area when the link is ~~released~~ canceled;

wherein only image data, and no audio data, is stored in the second storage area.